

Inquiries of the Ministry

question. Is there any change in policy in so far as the operation of other grain elevators by the National Harbours Board in other parts of Canada is concerned?

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is a matter of policy. It is a matter of looking at each individual situation with a view to attempting to operate the elevators in the best interests of the producers, sellers and consumers of grain, and in the national interest, with some consideration for the treasury of Canada.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): From what the minister has said may we take it that the National Harbours Board and the department are reviewing the situation in so far as other grain elevators, particularly at Saint John and Halifax, are concerned?

Mr. Pickersgill: That is quite correct.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, the minister mentioned that a study is being made of the whole subject. Is it the intention to sign the present lease before the study is completed?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the hon. gentleman has misunderstood me. I was talking about the study of the port of Sept Iles.

EDUCATION**REPORTED REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO U.S.**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Is the Prime Minister aware that Canadian graduate students accepting scholarships at some United States universities must now, in order to accept such scholarships, swear to bear true allegiance to the United States of America, with the oaths being administered by a consular or embassy officer of the U.S.A., thereby placing in jeopardy the Canadian citizenship of the students concerned? Will the Prime Minister approach the United States state department to seek a reversal of this gross interference with Canadian nationality?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any such stipulation. I will be glad to inquire whether in fact it does exist.

[Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert).]

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. When the Prime Minister is making the inquiry will he find out why it is that scholarships issued through the instrumentality of the department of health, education and welfare, office of education, in Washington require that Canadians should in effect disavow their allegiance in order to be awarded scholarships of this kind? I know the Prime Minister will agree that this does not look like the kind of co-operation one would expect and certainly it is contrary to any reasonable attitude between our two countries.

Mr. Pearson: I will inquire concerning whether that report is accurate. I do know that a good many Canadians who have held scholarships in the United States have never been asked to meet any such conditions.

Mr. Brand: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Prime Minister doubts the accuracy of the statement, will he be willing to receive a photostatic copy of the form of declaration which has been sent to such students?

CRIMINAL CODE**SUGGESTED AMENDMENT RESPECTING BREATHALIZER TESTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Could the minister say whether the Department of Justice is giving consideration to the recommendation of the committee on justice and legal affairs for the provision of mandatory breath tests and, if so, when a decision might be reached?

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, this matter has been considered by the Department of Justice. I will be taking up the matter fairly soon, along with other possible amendments to the Criminal Code, with my cabinet colleagues. I cannot say at the moment when a decision will be taken.

FINANCE**REGULATIONS UNDER DEPOSIT INSURANCE LEGISLATION**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Finance in the absence of the minister. Could the minister tell the house